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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) <u>A correction data output deviceAn image</u> <u>correction</u> device comprising:

an encoder which encodes inputted object frame data <u>and produces an</u> <u>encoded object frame data</u>;

a delay device connected to said encoder, for delaying the encoded object frame data by one frame and outputting an encoded previous frame data;

a first decoder connected to said encoder and decoding the <u>said</u> encoded object frame data to produce decoded object frame data;

a second decoder, the second decoder connected to said delay device and decoding said encoded previous frame data to produce decoded previous frame data;

_____a data correctionchange quantity calculating device that receives said decoded_object encoded_frame_data from said first decoder and said_decoded previous frame data from said second decoder, and corrects object frame data included in an inputted image signal on the basis of said object frame data and previous frame data, and outputs a correction image datachange quantity derived from subtracting said decoded_object frame data from said decoded previous frame data;

a previous frame image <u>producer reproducer</u> that receives said <u>correction</u> image <u>datachange quantity</u> and said <u>inputted</u> object frame data and adds the <u>correction image data</u> said change quantity to said <u>inputted</u> object frame data producing previous frame reproduction <u>image data</u>; and

a frame data correction device that outputs corrected object frame data based on <u>inputted</u> object frame data, correction image datasaid change <u>quantity</u> and <u>said previous</u> frame reproduction <u>image</u> data.

2. (Currently amended) The correction data output image correction device according to claim 1, wherein the <u>frame</u> data correction device comprises <u>bit_a</u> <u>bit_number_converting device means_that reduces number_a number_of bits of the inputted_object frame data or number_a number_of bits of the previous frame reproduction image_data.</u>

3. (Canceled)

- 4. (Currently amended) The correction data outputimage correction device according to claim 1, wherein the said frame data correction device data outputting means has a data table composed of correction image data, and said correction image data are outputted from said data table on the basisa basis of said inputted object frame data and said previous frame reproduction image data.
- 5. (Currently amended) The eorrection data output image correction device according to claim 1, wherein the said frame data correction device data outputting outputs eorrection data for correcting data said corrected object frame data that correspond to number a number of gradations of the said inputted object frame data.
- 6. (Currently amended) The correction data output image correction device according to claim 1, wherein the <u>frame</u> data correction device corrects the correction a correction image data outputted from the correction data outputting means and outputs a corrected correction image data thereby increasing or decreasing said correction <u>image</u> data.

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7. (Currently amended) The correction data output image correction device according to claim 1, further comprising a recording device means for recording the <u>inputted</u> object frame data included in the inputted image signal.

8. -11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A correction data An image correcting method comprising the steps of:

encoding inputted object frame data by an encoder and producing encoded object frame data;

delaying the said encoded object frame data by one frame using a delay <u>device</u> and outputting an encoded previous frame data;

decoding the said encoded object frame data by a first decoder connected to said encoder to produce decoded object frame data; and

decoding said encoded previous frame data by a second decoder to produce decoded previous frame data, the said second decoder connected to said delay device; and

outputting correction a change quantity derived from subtracting said decoded object frame data from said decoded previous decoded frame data using a change quantity calculating device image data that corrects object frame data included in an inputted image signal on the basis of said object frame data and previous frame data by a data correction device that receives said object encodedsaid decoded object frame data from said first decoder and said decoded previous frame data from said second decoder, and outputs a correction image data derived from subtracting said object frame data from said previous frame data;

producing previous frame reproduction image data by a previous frame image producer reproducer that receives said correction image datachange

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<u>quantity</u> and said <u>inputted</u> object frame data and adds the correction image datachange quantity to said inputted object frame data; and

outputting corrected object frame data by a frame data correction device based on <u>said inputted</u> object frame data, correction image data <u>said change</u> quantity and <u>said previous</u> frame reproduction <u>image</u> data.

- 13. (Currently amended) The eorrection dataimage correcting method according to claim 12, wherein <u>said</u> change quantity between the <u>decoded</u> object frame data and the <u>decoded</u> previous frame data one frame previous to said object frame data is outputted, and the correction image data is corrected on <u>the basisa basis</u> of said change quantity.
- 14. (Currently amended) A frame data correcting method comprising the stepa step of correcting said <u>inputted</u> object frame data on the basis basis of the correction image data corrected by the correction data correcting method as defined in claim 12.
- 15. (Currently amended) A frame data displaying method comprising the step-a step of displaying a frame corresponding to object frame data corrected by the frame data correcting method as defined in claim 14 on the basis a basis of said corrected object frame data.
- 16. (Currently amended) The correction data output image correction device according to claim 1, wherein the frame data correction device includes:

a lookup table containing gradation data, the lookup table outputting gradation data based on said <u>inputted</u> object frame data and said <u>previous</u> frame reproduction <u>image</u> data;

an arithmetic device that subtracts said <u>inputted</u> object frame data from said gradation data producing correction gradation data; and

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a <u>a data</u> correction controller that receives said correction image data change quantity and said correction gradation data, compares said correction image data change quantity against a threshold and modifies the correction gradation data based on whether the correction image data change quantity is greater, equal to or less than the threshold value.

17. (Currently amended) The correction dataimage correcting method according to claim 12, wherein the frame data correction device includes:

outputting gradation data based on said <u>inputted</u> object frame data and said <u>previous</u> frame reproduction <u>image</u> data by a lookup table containing gradation data;

subtracting said <u>inputted</u> object frame data from said gradation data producing correction gradation data; and

modifying the correction gradation data by comparing said correction image datachange quantity against a threshold and modifies-modifying the correction gradation data based on whether the correction image datachange quantity is greater, equal to or less than the threshold value.

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